

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

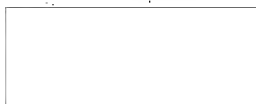


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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Soviet Space Program



a) Sputnik XIX, whose recovery after four days in orbit we reported yesterday, landed in the same general area used in 1961 for the recovery of Gagarin and Titov and two dogs. 50X1

b) We expect one or more operations soon, either manned or a deep space probe, or both. 50X1

2. Soviet Nuclear Tests



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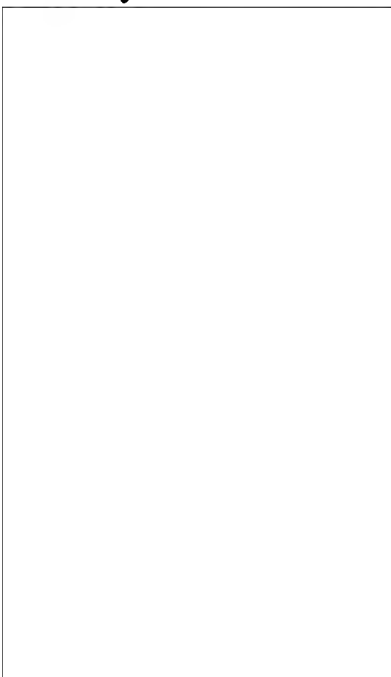


a) 50X1
the atmospheric test near Semipalatinsk at midnight (EDT) Tuesday 50X1



The surrounding area 50X1
to be sealed off Sunday, 5 August. 50X1
We expect high yield tests beginning then. 50X1

3. Germany



a) Berlin and Bonn are alive with rumors of impending Soviet action regarding Berlin. Soviet diplomats in Bonn are suggesting to newspapermen that should they take August vacations they would miss an "historical event," and they hint this might be a peace conference prior to the UN General Assembly session. 50X1

b) In its weekly review of the situation, our Watch Committee noted several measures in East Germany consistent with preparations for more East German participation in Berlin access controls or for a period of increased tension. Although the committee could derive no clear sense of timing for the completion of such preparations 50X1

c) Although not necessarily related to the Berlin situation, Radio Sofia announced that the Bulgarian defense minister led a delegation to the USSR today. Ulbricht went yesterday.

4. Vietnam



We have little light to throw on the case of jitters Saigon suffered last night over the possibility of a coup. 50X1

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a coup by some military elements was scheduled, possibly even with Viet Cong connivance. 50X1

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extra guards posted and troops were confined to their barracks, but so far nothing untoward has been reported. We do not now know whether an attempt was actually planned and called off or whether poor information snowballed. 50X1

USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--1 AUGUST 1962

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

There are indications that the Soviets and East Germans are preparing for increased tensions over Berlin, and renewed harassments of Western access may occur.

NOTES

- A. We have nothing to report regarding official Dutch or Indonesian reactions to the Bunker talks and no new information regarding the continuing Indonesian military activity.

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- C. The Soviet attitude toward the duration of a recess of the Geneva talks has suddenly switched. Now they are hinting that if a recess begins on 1 September it ought to end in early November, not 1 January.

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DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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